

## **EVENTS**

### **BEAUFORT**

#### **Salt Marsh Kayaking**

September 26

October 3,10

9:00 A.M.

Hunting Island State Park

Become one with the water by joining our weekly excursion on the waters surrounding Hunting Island. No experience is necessary. This program is for ages 12 years and older. All equipment and instruction will be provided by the Kayak Farm. The cost is \$25.00 per person and reservations are required. All participants should bring drinking water and shoes that can get wet. For more information, contact Hunting Island Nature Center at (843) 838-7437. This program is sponsored by the Hunting Island State Park.

#### **Nature Excursion Cruises**

September 21,22,28,29

October – 5,6,12

Call for Times

Hilton Head Island

Discover the nature around us on this 6-passenger boat. Explore the marshes of Broad Creek into Calibogue Sound toward Daufuskie Island while enjoying the views of dolphins, birds and other wildlife. The trip departs from the Old Oyster Factory and lasts 2 hours. Reservations are required. The cost is \$35.00 for adults and \$25.00 for children. For more information, contact the Coastal Discovery Museum at (843) 689-6767

#### **Beach Sweep/River Sweep 2003**

September 20

10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Pritchards Island

Come and participate in our 15<sup>th</sup> annual beach sweep. This national event kicks off the OCRM's Coast Weeks Celebration in an effort to help keep our beach clean. All marine debris collected during the sweep will be added to a national database for monitoring pollution along our coasts. Volunteers should bring their own lunch and a drink. This event is for ages 7 years and older. For more information, contact Amber Von Harten at (843) 575-7432 or ambervonharten@sc.edu. This event is sponsored by the USCB-Center for Coastal Ecology and Pritchards Island.

### **Casting, Crabbing, & Fishing**

October 4

10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Pritchards Island

Celebrate National Estuary Day by learning how to catch and eat the great coastal treats of the Lowcountry. Participants will try their hand at surf fishing, cast netting, seining, and learning about blue crab capture and its' relationship with diamondback terrapins. The cost is \$20.00 for adults and \$10 for children (ages 7-12 only). Advanced registration is required. Participants should bring their own lunch and drink. Equipment for the program is provided for the day. This program is for ages 7 years and up. For more information, contact Amber Von Harten at (843) 575-7432 or ambervonharten@sc.edu. This event is sponsored by the USCB-Center for Coastal Ecology and Pritchards Island

### **Pritchards Island Excursion**

October 11

10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Pritchards Island

Participants can visit the University's undeveloped barrier island for the day to lie in the sun, play in the surf, and walk the island with a naturalist to explore the dynamics of a barrier island ecosystem. Watch the seasons change on the island and learn to appreciate our unique coastal ecology. The program cost is \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children (ages 7-12 only). Participants should bring their own lunch, drink, comfortable walking shoes, sunscreen, and bug spray. For more information, contact Amber Von Harten at (843) 575-7432 or ambervonharten@sc.edu. This program is sponsored by the USCB-Center for Coastal Ecology & Pritchards Island,

### **Ace Basin Tour**

September 20,24,27

October 1,11

10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Coosaw Island

Enjoy a comfortable ride aboard a 38-foot, 40 passenger covered pontoon boat through the beautiful Ace Basin. See dolphins, alligators, eagles, osprey, raccoons, minks, otters, deer and the numerous bird life that make the ACE Basin their home. Reservations are required. This three-hour boat trip is twenty-five miles round trip and open to all ages. The cost is \$30.00 for adults and \$15.00 for children (12 and under). For more information, contact Captain Stan Lawson at (843) 521-3099; toll free at (866) 521-3099, or [www.acebasintours.com](http://www.acebasintours.com).

**Fishing Offshore**

September 20 – October 12

6:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Port Royal Landing Marina

Bring the family and come enjoy a day of offshore fishing aboard a 35-foot Powercat with lots of fishing area. You will enjoy experience both trolling and bottom fishing for Spanish Mac, King and Black Sea Bass and others in the Gulf Stream. All equipment will be provided and the captain will clean your fish. All participants should bring food, drinks, sunscreen, and wear boat shoes. Trip open to ages 7 years and older. For more information, contact "Captain Wally" at (843) 525-1174 or [www.seawolfcharter.com](http://www.seawolfcharter.com).

**Dolphin & Nature Cruise**

September 24,26

October 1,3,8,10

3:00 P.M. – 4:30

Hilton Head Island

Cruise through the waters of Broad Creek toward Calibogue Sound, while discussing the history of the area and the wildlife observed such as dolphins and a variety of wading birds. Reservations are required. The cost is \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children. The cruise departs from Broad Creek Marina. For more information, contact the Coastal Discovery Museum at (843) 689-6767.

**Native Americans on the Sea Islands**

September 25

October 2,9

2:00 P.M. – 3:30

Hilton Head Island

Traces thousands of years of occupation as evidenced by many sites on Hilton Head Island. The tour addresses periods of Native American occupation on the Island, and highlights the Mississippian site of Green's Shell Enclosure. The tour of the site is preceded by a hands on lecture at the Museum featuring fiber-tempered pottery, implements and lifestyles of this important group of early residents. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Reservations are required. For more information, contact The Coastal Discovery Museum at (843) 689-6767.

**Kayak For Charity**

September 27

9:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M.

Hilton Head Island

The Kayak For Charity is open to anyone ages 3 years and older who wants to paddle and have a great time for a great cause! The event is designed as a fun

and challenging team event, as well as an individual challenge for avid paddlers. All proceeds will benefit Volunteers In Medicine. There will be a party and prize giveaway and a silent auction. For more information, contact Margo Hafer at (800) 686-6996. This event is sponsored by Outside Hilton Head and Volunteers in Medicine.

## **CHARLESTON COUNTY**

### **From Sea to Shining Sea: Charleston's Maritime History and Trade**

September 20

10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Charles Towne Landing

Come join us and learn about significant connections between Charles Town and the Caribbean. Park interpreters, historians, and college professors will take an academic look at Charleston's Maritime history and trade. This event is for ages 18 years and above. Advanced Registration is required. For more information, contact Carol Ezell at (843) 852-4200. This event is sponsored by the Charles Towne Landing State Historic Site.

### **Kids Day America / International**

September 20

10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

West Ashley Park

Come and join us for a fun educational day in the park. Stations will be set up throughout the park where both children and their parents can learn about Health, Safety and Environmental Awareness. This event is open to all ages. For more information, contact Dr. Jesse B. Ross at (843) 766-4444. This event is sponsored by the City of Charleston Recreation department and Kids Day America / International.

### **J.A.W.S. Just Art with Sharks**

September 20 – October 12

9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. (Throughout the day)

South Carolina Aquarium

The South Carolina Aquarium presents a dynamic art show featuring one of nature's misunderstood creatures: sharks. Over thirty works of art will be on display throughout the Aquarium and visitors can vote for their favorite. This event is free with paid admission to the Aquarium. For more information, contact S.C. Aquarium Customer Service Center at (843) 579-8600 or (800) 722-6455. This event is sponsored by the South Carolina Aquarium.

**Sharkfest**

September 20 – October 12  
Programs throughout the Day  
South Carolina Aquarium

Join the South Carolina Aquarium for programs about otters, marine life and those most misunderstood coastal residents! Sharks! The program is free with paid admission to the Aquarium. Call the S.C. Aquarium Service Center at (843) 579-8600 or (800) 722-6455 for program schedules or visit [www.scaquarium.org](http://www.scaquarium.org). This program is sponsored by the South Carolina Aquarium.

**Sharks: The Myths and the Mystery**

September 16  
6:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.  
South Carolina Aquarium

Learn the common misconceptions about sharks and why they attack. George Burgess, Director of the Florida Program for Shark Research and keeper of the National Shark Attack file will unlock the mysteries behind this powerful creature. Hear firsthand why sharks are an important part of our ocean's ecology. This program is intended for those ages 13 years and older. Reservations are required. The presentation is Free for S.C. Aquarium members and \$10.00 for non-members. For more information, contact the S.C. Aquarium Customer Service Center at (843) 579-8600 or (800) 722-6455. This event is sponsored by the South Carolina Aquarium.

**Nature Tour of Bulls Island with Naturalist Randy Mancke**

October 12  
9:00, 11:00  
Cape Romain National Refuge

Join former host of Nature Scene for a personal tour of the barrier island on Cape Romain National Refuge in celebration of National Wildlife Refuge week. This fund-raiser sponsored by the SEWEE assoc. contributes to environmental education supplies and includes a catered lunch. Call Becky Ashley or Tricia Lynch at (843) 928-3368 for more information or to sign-up.

This event is sponsored by the Seewee Visitor & Environmental Education Center.

**National Wildlife Refuge Week Celebration**

October 18,19  
Call for Times  
Cape Romain National Refuge

Special events continue for the public to visit Cape Romain Natural Refuge. Call the Seewee Visitor & Environmental Education Center at (843) 928-3368 for cost information, to register, and for more information about guided bird walks and a visit to Cape Romain Lighthouse. This event is sponsored by the Seewee Visitor & Environmental Education Center.

### **Beach Sweep 2003**

September 20

8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Folly Beach

Join us for a fun day of service and learning. Get an up-close look at a barrier island by helping to sweep clean the Coast Guard Station and the shores of Folly Beach. Help improve our air quality by carpooling with us. Participants will meet at the Charleston County Parks and Recreation Headquarters. This event is for ages 6 years and older. For more information, contact Ashley Mullis or Suzi Gourdy at (843) 762-2172. This event is sponsored by Charleston County Parks and Recreation Department.

### **Caw Caw Sunset/Moonrise Paddle**

October 10

6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

Caw Caw Interpretive Center

Join us for an interpretive paddle of Caw Caw Swamp at dusk. Witness the sun slip below the trees of Caw Caw Swamp, followed by the moonrise over Tea Farm Creek. Advance Registration required by October 6. This trip is for ages 9 years and older. The cost is \$15.00 for Chas. County Residents and \$22.50 for Non-Chas. County Residents. Participants will meet at Charleston County Parks and Recreation Headquarters. For more information, contact Ashley Mullis or Suzi Gourdy at (843) 762-2172. This event is sponsored by Charleston County Parks and Recreation Department.

## **BERKELEY COUNTY**

### **Butterfly Gardening Symposium**

September 20

10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Cypress Gardens

Come listen to speakers cover topics including butterfly gardening, photography and rearing of moths and butterflies. Then join us on guided butterfly walks. The cost is \$15.00 per person and includes a box lunch. Reservations are required. This program is for ages 13 years and older. For more information, contact

Dwight Williams at (843) 553-0515. This event is sponsored by the Carolina Butterfly Society and Cypress Gardens.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Pickin' in the Park**

October 4

11:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Old Santee Canal Park

Come to the park to listen to some good ole fashioned, foot stompin', hand clappin' bluegrass. Enjoy some good eats and drinks, (Sorry no coolers), while you listen to an afternoon of music. This event is open to all ages, Tickets are \$10.00 a person. The event will be located at 900 Stony Landing Road in Moncks Corner. For more information, contact Mary S. Bell at (843) 899-5200. This event is sponsored by the Old Santee Canal Park.

#### **Beautiful Butterflies**

September 20

1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Old Santee Canal Park

Our habitat and climate are ideal for butterfly viewing of both resident and migratory butterflies. Learn about butterfly gardening while viewing various species of plants and butterflies. This event is open to all ages and located at 900 Stony Landing Road, Moncks Corner. For more information, contact Mary S. Bell at (843) 899-5200. This event is sponsored by the Old Santee Canal Park.

#### **Swamp Sweep XIII**

September 20

8:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

Old Santee Canal Park

Come and join us participate in our part of the annual Beach Sweep/River Sweep. We will clean up Biggins Creek from canoes. This event is for ages 10 years and older. Participants should bring a life jacket or use one of ours, a dip net, lunch and some water to enjoy as we clean up the swamp. Advanced registration is required. For more information, contact Mary S. Bell at (843) 899-5200. This event is sponsored by the Old Santee Canal Park.

### **COLLETON COUNTY**

## **EstuaryLive 2003**

September 26

1:00 P.M – 2:00 P.M.

ACE Basin National Estuarine Research Reserve will partner with North Inlet-Winyah Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve to host a live Internet broadcast from the North Inlet-Winyah Bay salt marsh boardwalk and nearby laboratory facilities at the Reserve headquarters creekside at beautiful North Inlet estuary near Hobcaw Barony in Georgetown County. The broadcast will focus on watershed awareness and how we are working to help protect our coastal environments. The ACE Basin National Estuarine Research Reserve in Colleton County will be featured during our session, and other live sites across the country will be broadcasting throughout the day on both September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Participants can log on to [www.estuarylive.org](http://www.estuarylive.org) to watch the broadcasts, sign up to submit questions live via the Internet and learn much more about our nation's estuaries. For more information, contact Beth Thomas, Education Coordinator, at (843) 546-6219.

## **National Estuaries Day Cruise**

September 27<sup>th</sup>

First Cruise 1:00 until 3:00 PM; Second Cruise 3:15-5:15 PM

In celebration of the nation's estuarine systems, the ACE Basin National Estuarine Research Reserve will offer two cruises through the ACE Basin on National Estuaries Day, Saturday September 27<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00 and 3:15-5:15. Cruises will consist of a tour of the ACE Basin aboard the Department of Natural Resources catamaran, *Discovery*, and the collection of marine and estuarine animals via trawl net. Posters and other freebies will be given out to the public. Cruises are free, but spaces are limited to 20 per cruise and no children under age 10 allowed. Reservations required by Friday September 19<sup>th</sup>. Contact Elizabeth Vernon, ACE Basin Education Coordinator at (843) 953-9359 or [vernone@mrd.dnr.state.sc.us](mailto:vernone@mrd.dnr.state.sc.us) to reserve your spot.

## **GEORGETOWN COUNTY**

### **Coastal Training Program Kickoff**

September 25

1:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

North Inlet-Winyah Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve



The North Inlet-Winyah Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve will host a kickoff event to introduce its Coastal Training Program to coastal decision makers. Local government officials, planners, resource managers, and conservation interests will be introduced to the Coastal Training Program's training capabilities and will preview the agenda for one of the program's first training events. Please direct questions to Jeff Pollack, Coastal Training Program Coordinator, at [Jeffrey@belle.baruch.sc.edu](mailto:Jeffrey@belle.baruch.sc.edu) or (843) 546-6219.

### **Fishes of North Inlet Estuary**

October 7

10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

North Inlet-Winyah Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve

Join scientists from the North Inlet-Winyah Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve for a special program highlighting the importance of North Inlet estuary as a nursery ground for both resident and transient species of fish. Participants will assist researchers in sorting and measuring the collection of fishes, crabs, and shrimps as part of a long-term research project. A brief tour of the marine laboratory facilities and a presentation about what has been learned to date will also be provided. This program is free, but space is limited and reservations are required. Please call the Reserve at (843) 546-6219 for more information or to register.

### **Saltwater Marsh Explorer Adventure**

September 20 – October 12

11:00 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.

Murrells Inlet

Discover the amazing collection of plants, animals, birds and marine life, that make up the best example in nature of a complete ecosystem, during a 2 –1/2 hour boat journey guided by a marine biologist. This discover tour is very interactive. Various nets and dredges will be used to collect specimens from beneath the water. The specimens will be placed into onboard touch tanks where they can be seen, observed and when appropriate touched and held. The tour also includes a fishing demonstration and a beach walk along a barrier island not accessible by car. The cost is \$18.00 for adults and \$10.00 for students, children, and seniors. Reservations are required. Participants should bring a hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, tennis shoes or dockers, small bag for collecting shells, and dress according to weather. For more information, contact Lyn Smith at (843) 651-3676 or go to [www.captidicks.com](http://www.captidicks.com).

### **Huntington Beach Salt Marsh Kayaking**

September 22,29

October 7

10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Murrells Inlet

Paddle through spartina grass creeks around mysterious Drunken Jack Island to the sandy beaches of historic Magnolia Beach. View sea turtles and shore birds feeding, and see alligators basking in a fresh water lagoon leading to Atalaya Castle. Moderate physical ability but no prior kayaking experience necessary to participate. Advance reservations required. The cost is \$25.00 per person. For more information, contact Huntington Beach State Park at (843) 235-8755.

### **Black River Swamp Nature Preserve Kayaking**

For date and time check [www.BlackRiverOutdoors.com](http://www.BlackRiverOutdoors.com)  
Georgetown

Paddle kayaks deep into the tupelo-cypress swamps fed by the black waters of the Black River. Explore remote beaver ponds and land on hidden islands where few humans have ever penetrated. Watch for swamp canaries, cooter turtles, and arboreal orchids. Moderate physical ability but no prior kayaking experience necessary to participate. Advance reservations required. The cost is \$45.00 for adults and \$25.00 for children under the age of 13 with a parent. For more information, contact Black Rivers Outdoors Center at (843) 546-4840

## **HORRY COUNTY**

### **Beach Sweep 2003**

September 20

9:00 A.M. – Noon

Myrtle Beach State Park

Many people love to come and enjoy the beauty of the beach. Unfortunately, more people often means more pollution. Become a part of the solution and join volunteers around the country, state and nation in this annual event as we “sweep” our beaches clean. All volunteers should meet at shelter B2 and be sure to bring your sunscreen. Drinks will be provided. This event is for ages 7 years and older. For more information, contact Ann Mays Wilson at (843) 238-0874. This event is sponsored by the Myrtle Beach State Park.

### **Wednesday Warblers**

September 24

October 1

8:00 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.

Myrtle Beach State Park

The fall migration is underway and the maritime forest of the park can come alive with the vibrant colors of warblers, orioles and vireos. Enjoy a stroll through our park as we search for our feathered friends. Those interested should meet at the nature center and bring a pair of binoculars. You may also purchase a pair of binoculars from the state park for a \$1.00 donation. The program is free with park admission - \$3.00 per person and children ages 15 and under are free. This event is for ages 7 years and older. For more information, contact Ann Mays Wilson at (843) 238-0874. This event is sponsored by the Myrtle Beach State Park.

### **Tales from the Sea**

September 20, 27

October 4, 11

2:00 P.M. – 2:45 P.M.

Myrtle Beach State Park

You'll be amazed at the variety of sea life that lives in the ocean and off our fishing pier. Touch and learn about sea urchins, sea stars, snails, crabs and more. Those interested should meet at the nature center. The program is free with park admission - \$3.00 per person and children ages 15 and under free. This program is for ages 7 years and older. For more information, contact Ann Mays Wilson at (843) 238-0874. This event is sponsored by the Myrtle Beach State Park.

## **STATEWIDE**

### **Beach Sweep/River Sweep**

September 20

9:00 A.M.-Noon

Statewide

Beach Sweep/River Sweep is South Carolina's largest, volunteer-driven litter cleanup of our beaches and waterways. Help us help the environment by getting involved today! Last year, over 59 tons of debris was collected, but there's more to be done. The Sweep is open to all ages, all necessary supplies are provided and participants are encouraged to recycle debris collected. This program is sponsored statewide by S.C. Sea Grant Consortium and the S.C. Department of Natural Resources.

To volunteer, contact Susan Farris, coastal coordinator at (843) 727-2078, Bobbie Adam, inland coordinator at (803) 734-9108 or the local site captain. A list of local site captains on the coast is available at [www.scseagrant.org/education](http://www.scseagrant.org/education). Click on Beach Sweep/River Sweep.

### **Coastal Photography Contest**

SCDHEC/Office of Ocean and Coastal  
Resource Management

Statewide Contest - Entry is Free!

**DEADLINE TO ENTER: SEPTEMBER 30**

Photographers of all ages and degrees of expertise are invited to enter this annual contest sponsored by DHEC's Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management. Photos must be of coastal South Carolina scenes and appropriate as an illustration for a tide chart. Photographs must be original, non-published photos. Color photos, CDs with image sheets, and slides are accepted with a limit of five (5) pictures per person. Horizontal orientation is required. The winner of this contest will receive \$200. The winning photo will grace the Agency's annual Tide Table Poster, of which 28,000 copies are printed. For more information or to submit your photos, contact Linda Brechko at (843) 744-5838. The mailing address is:

Coastal Photo Contest  
c/o SCDHEC/OCRM  
1362 McMillan Avenue, Suite 400  
Charleston, SC 29405

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